

Shoppers find sweet spot on Depot St.

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The Duxbury Thrift & Consignment Shop may be the place to go if you know exactly what you're looking for, or even if you don't.

From black velvet Mary Jane shoes to men's dress shirts to patterned, Vera Bradley cloth satchels, the items are in tip-top shape and sweetly priced. The single-floor shop at 48 Depot St. offers myriad items, financial proceeds going to its mission: provide scholarships to graduating high school seniors from Duxbury.

This year, the thrift shop donated \$51,500, shared among 40 graduates, said volunteer Julie Eagan. Established in 1950, the shop's earlier locations included at the old Girl Scout House, Standish Street and the town's west end.

The thrift shop appeals to a variety of shoppers. On a recent Friday afternoon, Mayflower Street residents Jeff Buell and daughter Ronnie Buell pored over the racks and displays. They agreed that the discovery of something unexpected at the shop is a reason for frequent browsing.

"We're always hunting for a bargain," Jeff said.

Ronnie admitted thrift shopping at several Falmouth sites before spending the afternoon at this Duxbury spot.

Laughter and a buzz of conversations fill the street-level location. Volunteers work behind the counter. Purchases are rung up. Items reviewed for consignment.



Art work, clothing, shoes and household items await curious shoppers at the Thrift & Consignment Shop at 48 Depot St.



Suzanne Ryan, one of several volunteers at the Duxbury Thrift & Consignment Shop, examines a pair of sandals for sale on a display rack.

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"We love working here," said Gerri Hanlon of Duxbury.

Hanlon and Meg Needham are two volunteers on duty.

Shoppers and consignors like that that they are contributing to scholarships for local students, Needham said.

Consignors include longtime residents, such as Sarie Booy. Many shoppers also volunteer time at the shop, which is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

"Sarie has been a consignor/ customer and friend to many of the volunteers in the shop for many years," Eagan said.

The shop's 67-year longevity may be due to volunteerism and product selection.

"We're fussy over what we take in," said Needham.

Posted rules guide potential consignors and Duxbury donors of what is acceptable for resale. The shop's steady and regular hours are helpful as well for those on a busy schedule.

"It's a convenient location and they're donating or consigning. We're all contributing to our town," Needham said.

For those who haven't yet toured the tidy and well-organized store, an unofficial holiday approaches that may provide inspiration for potential shoppers: National Thrift Shop Day is Aug. 17.